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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF SHANGHAI JOURNAL "STUDY
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1. PENN STATE SCHOLAR PARRIS CHANG IS LIKELY SOURCE OF BUTTERFIELD REPORT ABOUT "DISAPPEARANCE" OF STUDY AND CRITICISM. ACTUALLY, CONGENOFF WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN CHANG REMARKED ON THE JOURNAL TO BUTTERFIELD CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD CHANG TO SAY THAT THE JOURNAL WAS "HARD TO FIND," AND CHANG WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PEKING HAD OBTAINED A COPY IN SHANGHAI (SEE HONG KONG 2273). A CANADIAN OBSERVATION THAT THE JOURNAL WAS AVAILABLE BUT DIFFICULT FOR FOREIGNERS TO BUY WAS REPORTED IN HONG KONG 2647 WHICH ALSO NOTED THAT THE CANADIANS WERE FINALLY ABLE TO BUY A COPY (AGAIN, IN SHANGHAI). THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS HAS REPRINTED SOME ARTICLES FROM THE FEBRUARY ISSUE. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A COPY OF THE ISSUE.

2. THE SOURCE OF THE STORY THAT THE CALLIGRAPHY USED IN THE TITLE, PRESUMED TO BE MAO'S, HAS BEEN CHANGED IS AN OBSERVATION MADE BY THE BRITISH HERE AND PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 28 BY THEIR REGIONAL INFORMATION OFFICE IN CHINA NEWS SUMMARY NO. 506. THE CHANGE, WHICH WE CAN CONFIRM, OCCURRED WITH THE JANUARY ISSUE. THE BRITISH OFFER THE JUDGMENT THAT THE NEW CALLIGRAPHY LOOKS
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